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MEMORANDUM FOR : Colonel Beerli

SUBJECT :

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1. As you know,  is leaving Sunday, 19 June, for  where with  he will survey existing facilities for possible use in the  U-2 Program. Although he has a good deal of experience in CHALICE in setting up overseas facilities, in view of the probable differences between a  U-2 Program and a normal CHALICE operation, I would suggest that you may wish to instruct Operations to provide him with some parameters within which to make his decisions. I believe this is especially important in view of the two possible concepts under which this Program might be run: namely, a small unit based in  and the alternative which is staging from the States.

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2. Some of the things which occur to me as possible questions where  could use guidance are:

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- a. Is the unit under either concept to have a fixed capability for tracker camera film processing?
- b. What provisions should be made for humidity controlled film storage locally and how much film would be stored at any one time?
- c. How much of what area of shop space should be provided?
- d. Do you envision special power requirements?
- e. What provisions should be made for an Ops briefing room or for mission planning space?
- f. Do you foresee special security requirements that will call for fence construction, etc?
- g. What about a special POL storage area?

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h. Should separate warehouse space be provided for FAX and SLOE items?

i. How firm is the requirement for how much hangar floor space? (I understand this may be a problem area due to over-crowding.)

j. How about pilot prebreathing room and PE storage area?

k. Will there be special commo space and air conditioning requirements?

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3. You may feel that some of these questions above are inappropriate in the event the staging concept is used, but in view of your own statement that stagings to [ ] might well run for several months, I wonder if we do not have the same problem as if we were setting up a unit permanently. It also might be well to be able to give [ ] some over-all estimate of the projected size of the unit under one concept or the other or both so that he can discover whether there are housing problems involved.

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4. [ ] should be back in the office tomorrow, following his trip to West Virginia, but I believe Friday would be about the last day when we could hope to corner him on this subject.

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